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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No. Q62009

Teruo ASHIKAWA, et al.

Appln. No. 09/719,433

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Examiner has required the Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner does not indicate whether or not he believes there are any generic claims. Applicants have been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicants elect Species VI of Figures 51-53 for examination on which at least new claims 29-38 are readable. Claims 29-38 are added in the Preliminary Amendment being filed concurrently herewith.

Applicants submit that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should be similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

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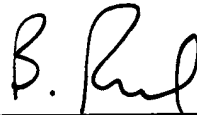
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Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 1-28.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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A check for the statutory fee of \$348.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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